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Funding News of the Week

An e-mail from The Finance Project is a reminder that federally funded AmeriCorps volunteers can enlarge or augment the activities of youth groups by freeing up staff time or recruiting additional volunteers. "Use the volunteer to expand your capacity," said Cema Siegel, a consultant with The Finance Project, which helps children and families organizations finance and sustain their programs.

In a "September Funding Tip," the organization provides a primer on the different types of AmeriCorps grants, what activities these full- or part-time volunteers can support and how to access funding to support one or more volunteer.

So how can an AmeriCorps volunteer help your organization? Read More

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Featured Grant

*Grant: Responsible Sports Community grants - For sustaining youth sports programs.

Funder: Liberty Mutual.

Eligibility: Nonprofit youth sports organizations and leagues.

Deadline: Nov. 30.

Amount: 20 organizations will each receive \$2,500.

Contact: https://www.responsiblesports.com/community_grants/default.aspx.

Advocacy

Grant: Soros Justice Fellowships - For advocacy and media fellows implementing projects that advance the Open Society Institute's (OSI) cause to reduce incarceration and improve justice, especially for people of color and the poor.

Funder: OSI.

Eligibility: Advocacy (individuals, including lawyers, advocates, grass-roots organizers, activist academics and others); and media (individuals, including print and broadcast journalists, bloggers, filmmakers and other individuals to complete media projects for local, regional and national markets). Deadline: Oct. 14.

Amount: Up to \$105,000 per stipend, plus \$3,750 for health care (advocacy); \$45,000 per stipend

plus \$2,000 for health care (media). Contact: www.soros.org/initiatives/usprograms/focus/justice/news/justicefellows_20090723.

After School

Grant: National Afterschool Matters Edmund A. Stanley Jr. Research Grants - For research or policy

analyses of community-based out-of-school-time youth programs.

Funder: Robert Bowne Foundation.

Eligibility: Nonprofits. Deadline: Sept. 28.

Amount: Four \$10,000 grants.

Contact: www.niost.org/index.php (see box on the right-hand side of the page).

Grant: Student learning opportunities - For providing summer enrichment programs for minority and economically disadvantaged middle school students in mathematics, science, engineering and

technology.

Funder: U.S. Department of Commerce.

Eligibility: Institutions of higher education.

Deadline: Oct. 19.

Amount: Three grants of an unspecified amount are planned.

Contact: The program contact is steve.j.drescher@noaa.gov; at press time, the full notice was not

available.

Grant: Great American Bake Sale - To increase participation in after-school and summer nutrition

programs. **Funder:** Share Our Strength.

Eligibility: Nonprofits, schools and local governments.

Deadline: Sept. 30.

Amount: \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Contact: http://gabs.strength.org/site/DocServer/2009_Request_for_Proposals_-_GABS.pdf?

docID=3542

Arts

Grant: Museums for America - For projects and ongoing activities that build museums' capacity to

serve their communities.

Funder: U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services. Eligibility: Museums of all kinds, including youth museums.

Deadline: Nov. 2. Amount: \$17 million for 150 grants.

Contact: www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/forAmerica.shtm.

Grant: Picturing America School Collaboration - For local and regional projects that foster collaboration between K-12 educators and humanities scholars to "tell America's story. Funder: National Endowment for the Humanities.

Eligibility: State and local governmental agencies, tribal governments and nonprofits.

Deadline: Oct. 7.

Amount: 30 grants of up to \$75,000 each.

Contact: www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pascp.html.

Child Welfare

Grant: Court-appointed special advocates (CASA)/guardians ad litem sustainability grants - To ensure that programs can continue to provide vital services for children in need. Applicants must demonstrate the connection between their current financial challenges and their ability to provide direct services to children.

Funder: National CASA Association, the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and Jewelers for Children.

Eligibility: Current members of National CASA.

Deadline: Oct. 9.

Amount: Requests of \$5,000 to \$20,000 each are accepted.

org/grants/grants/AA-Sustainability-Instructions.pdf.

Grant: Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) for states - For generating new relative caregiver activities, locally and statewide, for grandparents or other relatives who are surrogate parenting when biological parents are unable to do so.

Funder: The Brookdale Foundation.

Eligibility: Public state agencies in Alaska, California, Iowa, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New

Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah and Vermont

Deadline: Jan. 7, 2010.

Amount: Five state agencies can win \$6,000 first year and \$4,000 in the second. **Contact:** www.brookdalefoundation.org/RAPP/stateRFPquidelines2010.doc.

Grant: Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) for local and regional programs - To develop or expand services for grandparents or other relatives who are surrogate parenting when biological parents are

unable to do so. **Funder:** The Brookdale Foundation.

Eligibility: Nonprofits.

Deadline: Dec. 3.

Amount: 30 grants of \$10,000 (\$6,000 first year and \$4,000 in the second).

Contact: www.brookdalefoundation.org/RAPP/Local%20and%20RegionalRFPGuidelines2010.DOC.

Civic Engagement

*Grant: Youth Leaders for Literacy - For young people who increase literacy skills and appreciation for reading among their peers.

Funder: National Education Association, Youth Service America and the Pearson Foundation.

Eligibility: Children and youth who range from age 5 to 25

Deadline: Oct. 30.

Amount: 30 youths will receive \$500 and \$500 worth of books.

Contact: http://tinv.cc/UGSa8

Grant: National organizations and Indian tribes planning projects - To support the development of AmeriCorps programs so applicants are better prepared to compete for a multi-state grant in the following grant cycle.

Funder: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Eligibility: Public and private nonprofits.

Deadline: Oct 19.

Amount: \$250,000 for five awards.

Contact: www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/09_0818_nofa_acplanning.pdf.

Grant: Love Your Veggies - To increase access to, and consumption of, fresh produce during school

Funder: Hidden Valley Salad Dressings and School Nutrition Foundation.

Eligibility: Elementary schools.

Deadline: Nov. 6.

Amount: \$10,000 grants to 10 elementary schools. Contact: www.loveyourveggies.com/about.php.

Grant: National service planning grants - To help national organizations and Indian tribes develop new AmeriCorps programs.

Funder: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Eligibility: Public agencies or private nonprofits that operate in two or more states and federally

recognized Indian tribes.

Deadline: Oct. 19.

Amount: \$500,000 total, with an estimate of \$250,000 per grant.

Contact: www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=73.

Grant: Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge - For youth-led environmental projects. Funder: Siemens Foundation, Discovery Education and the National Science Teachers Association.

Deadline: Jan. 31, for elementary schools; March 15, 2010, for middle schools.

Amount: Students compete for more than \$100,000 in cash and prizes.

Contact: http://wecanchange.com.

Grant: State Farm Youth Advisory Board - For service-learning projects that address certain issues,

including drivers' safety, access to higher education and environmental responsibility.

Funder: State Farm.

Eligibility: Individuals between the ages of 17 and 20 as of June 30, 2009.

Deadline: Oct. 2.

Amount: From \$25,000 to \$100,000 each. Contact: www.statefarmyab.com/apply.php.

Grant: Big Green - Forenvironmentally friendly projects that encourage youths to take care of the

environment, be active, live healthier and engage in community service.

Funder: Nickelodeon.

Eligibility: Elementary and middle schools and after-school community-based organizations with 501

(c)(3) status serving kids age 5 to 15 years.

Deadline: Dec. 31.

Amount: \$2,500 or \$5,000 each. The latter amount must be matched one to one.

Contact: www.bghevent.com/grant/index.htm

College & Careers

Grant: Paraprofessional preservice to serve children with disabilities - To bring highly qualified

personnel to the special education and related services field.

Funder: U.S. Department of Education. Eligibility: Institutions of higher education.

Deadline: Nov. 3.

Amount: \$1.5 million for grants ranging from \$145,000 to \$150,000. Contact: http://

Grant: MetLife Foundation 2010 Community College Excellence Awards - To recognize community colleges that contribute to helping less advantaged youth and adults meet educational and career

Funder: MetLife Foundation.

Eligibility: All public, accredited community colleges in the United States.

Deadline: Oct. 2.

Amount: Three community colleges will receive \$40,000 each. **Contact:** http://tiny.cc/A2NIv.

Grant: Training and placement - For workforce development initiatives in health care and other highgrowth or emerging industries.

Funder: U.S. Department of Labor.

Eligibility: Partnerships that contain certain types of organizations, such as workforce investment

agencies and higher education, are eligible.

Deadline: Oct. 5.

Amount: \$220 million for grants ranging from \$2 million to \$5 million each.

Contact: www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm

Education

Grant: NEA Foundation Teaching Improvisation - For public educators' work to teach improvisation to

middle- and high school music students.

Funder: NEA Foundation and MENC: The National Association of Music Education.

Eligibility: Public school educators.

Deadline: Feb. 1, 2010 (applications accepted on a rolling basis until this date).

Amount: Up to \$5,000 each.

 $\textbf{Contact:} \ \underline{\text{www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/grant-application/nea-}}$

foundation-menc-teaching-improvisation-grants

Grant: NEA Foundation Green grants - To integrate green-related topics and experiences into the

Funder: NEA Foundation, Nickelodeon and the Staples Foundation for Learning.

Eligibility: Public school educators.

Deadline: Oct. 15.

Amount: \$150,000 is available for grants of up to \$5,000.

Contact: www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/grant-application/nea-

Grant: Toyota TAPESTRY - For innovative projects that enhance science education in schools and/or in school districts.

Funder: Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. Inc. and National Science Teachers Association.

Eligibility: K-12 science teachers.

Deadline: Jan. 18, 2010.

Amount: Fifty large grants and a minimum of 20 mini-grants for a total award amount of \$550,000.

Grant: Fulbright-Hays Group Projects - For overseas projects in training, research and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies for groups of teachers, students and faculty engaged in a common endeavor.

Funder: U.S. Department of Education.

Eligibility: Institutions of higher education, state departments of education, private nonprofit

educational organizations, and consortia of these entities.

Deadline: Oct. 6.

Amount: \$14.71 million is requested for the program. Grants range in size from \$30,000 to \$90,000

Contact: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-20961.htm.

Grant: Recovery Act Impact Aid Construction - For school construction projects, especially emergency

> repairs that can be done quickly. **Funder:** U.S. Department of Education.

Eligibility: Certain local educational agencies whose tax dollars are limited because of the presence

of nontaxable federal property.

Deadline: Oct. 8 (deadline changed, http://edocket.access.gpo.gov:80/2009/E9-20502.htm). **Amount:** Nearly \$60 million is available for around 24 grants. **Contact:** http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-19694.pdf.

Grant: Field trips - For educational field trips to museums and other places.

Funder: Target.

Eligibility: Education professionals who are at least 18 years old and employed by an accredited U.S.

K-12 public, private or charter school. **Deadline:** Nov. 3. **Amount:** 5,000 grants of up to \$800 each.

Contact: https://targetfieldtripgrants.target.com/register.php.

Grant: For innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity

for women and girls. Funder: AAUW.

Eligibility: Individuals, AAUW branches, and AAUW state organizations and nonprofits organizations.

Deadline: Jan. 15, 2010.

Amount: \$2,000 to \$10,000.

Contact: www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/community_action.cfm.

Grant: Discovery Research K-12 - To implement and research science and technology education programs, including, potentially, the mentoring components of such programs. **Funder:** National Science Foundation.

Eligibility: School districts, universities and nonprofits.

Deadline: Oct. 5 (preliminary proposals). Amount: \$55 million for as many as 70 awards.

 $\textbf{Contact:} \ \underline{\text{http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?\&mode=VIEW\&flag2006=false\&oppId=48881.}}$

Grant: Lowe's Toolbox for Education - For school-improvement projects focused on one-time basic

Funder: Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation.

Eligibility: Public schools and public school parent-teacher groups in Lowe's store communities.

Deadline: Oct. 16.

Amount: \$5 million for grants of about \$5,000 each.

Contact: www.toolboxforeducation.com.

Grant: Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems - To design, develop and implement statewide, longitudinal data systems to efficiently and accurately manage, analyze, disaggregate and use individual student data.

Funder: U.S. Department of Education. Eligibility: State education agencies.

Deadline: Nov. 19.

Amount: Grants from \$2 million to \$20 million each

Contact: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-17908.htm.

Grant: ING Unsung Heroes for 2010 - For innovative classroom projects.

Funder: ING.

Eligibility: Full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals or classified staff with effective

projects that improve student learning. **Deadline:** April 30, 2010.

Amount: 100 finalists will receive an award of \$2,000. From that group, three winners will receive \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000.

Contact: www.ing-

usa.com/us/aboutING/CorporateCitizenship/Education/INGUnsungHeroes/index.htm.

Health

*Grant: Recovery Act: Communities Putting Prevention to Work - To create healthier communities through sustainable, proven, population-based approaches, such as organizational and environmental changes in communities and schools.

Funder: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **Eligibility:** State and local health departments.

Deadline: Dec. 1.

Amount: \$373 million will support up to 40 grants.

Contact: http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flaq2006=false&oppId=49571.

Grant: Healthy Start Initiative, Eliminating Racial/Ethnic Disparities - To address significant disparities in perinatal health indicators. **Funder:** U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration.

Eligibility: Public and private entities.

Deadline: Oct. 1.

Amount: \$9.9 million for 13 grants. Contact: http://tiny.cc/9AsWv

Grant: Community Health Leaders - To honor otherwise unrecognized individuals who have overcome daunting odds to improve health and health care, especially among underserved populations in U.S.

Funder: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Eligibility: Among other requirements, nominees must be accomplished in the field of community health at the midcareer level, with a three- to 10-year record of accomplishment; have created or substantially enhanced a health or health-care initiative that improves access to and quality of care or services in his or her community; and be affiliated with a public or private nonprofit.

Deadline: Oct. 15.

Amount: 10 awards of \$125,000 (\$20,000 to recognize an individual's accomplishments and

\$105,000 to support his or her work).

Grant: UnitedHealth HEROES - To support service-learning projects that focus on childhood obesity and engage youth ages 5 to 25 in the process. **Funder:** Youth Service America.

Eligibility: Educators, service-learning coordinators and students in the health professions in certain states may apply.

Deadline: Oct. 22.

Amount: Multiple grants of up to \$1,000.

Contact: www.ysa.org/awards

Grant: CVS/Caremark - For programs that include helping children with disabilities by encouraging public school to promote inclusion in student activities and for extracurricular programs and initiatives that give students greater access to physical movement and play.

Funder: CVS/Caremark. Eligibility: Nonprofits. Deadline: Oct. 31. Amount: Up to \$5,000.

Contact: www.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants.

Grant: Local Funding Partnerships 2009-10 - For projects designed to improve the health of

vulnerable people in communities. **Funder:** Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. **Eligibility:** Independent and private foundations, family and community foundations, and corporate

and other philanthropies.

Deadline: Stage 2 full proposals, Nov. 10.

Amount: Up to 14 matching grants of \$200,000 to \$500,000 each; must be matched by local funding

Contact: www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20605

Life Skills

Grant: Children, Youth and Families At Risk Sustainable Community Projects - To develop and deliver educational programs that equip youth who are at risk for not meeting basic human needs with the skills they need to lead positive, productive and contributing lives. **Funder:** Cooperative State Research Education, and Extension Service.

Eligibility: Cooperative Extension at 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, including Tuskegee University and West Virginia State University, 1862 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities, and the University of the District of Columbia.

Deadline: Oct. 23.

Amount: \$800,000 for an unspecified number of projects. Contact: www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/cyfar

Grant: Service learning - For service-learning projects focused on natural and societal disaster preparedness, driver safety, accessing higher education/closing the achievement gap, financial education and environmental responsibility.

Funder: State Farm Advisory Board.

Eligibility: Nonprofits.

Deadline: Oct. 2.

Amount: Multiple awards from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

Contact: www.statefarmyab.com.

Grant: Books for Babies - For purchasing kits to run Books for Babies, a national literacy program that promotes the role of parents in newborn child development.

Funder: Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations and Nordstrom. Eligibility: Organizations that currently have a Books for Babies program or those starting one. Deadline: Oct. 1.

Amount: 20 grants of \$500 each to match \$1,000 raised by selected library "friend" groups, women's

groups, libraries and other nonprofits. **Contact:** www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/altaff/outreach/booksforbabies/matchinggrants.cfm.

Media/Technology

Grant: Soros Justice Fellowships - For advocacy and media fellows implementing projects that advance the Open Society Institute's (OSI) cause to reduce incarceration and improve justice, especially for people of color and the poor.

Funder: OSI.

Eligibility: Advocacy (individuals, including lawyers, advocates, grass-roots organizers, activist academics and others); and media (individuals, including print and broadcast journalists, bloggers filmmakers and other individuals to complete media projects for local, regional and national markets).

Deadline: Oct. 14.

Amount: Up to \$105,000 per stipend, plus \$3,750 for health care (advocacy); \$45,000 per stipend plus \$2,000 for health care (media).

Contact: www.soros.org/initiatives/usprograms/focus/justice/news/justicefellows_20090723.

Race/Ethnicity

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Funder: U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration.

Eligibility: Public and private entities.

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plus \$2,000 for health care (media).

Contact: www.soros.org/initiatives/usprograms/focus/justice/news/justicefellows_20090723.

Grant: Preferred Communities - To support the resettlement of newly arrived refugees and to address

the needs of special populations. **Funder:** U.S. Administration for Children and Families.

Eligibility: Nonprofits, including faith-based and community organizations.

Deadline: Feb. 24, 2010.

Amount: 12 awards of \$100,000 to \$300,000.

Contact: http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flaq2006=false&oppId=41208

Grant: Ethnic Community Self-Help - To connect newcomer refugees and their communities with

community resources.

Funder: Ú.S. Administration for Children and Families.

Eligibility: Nonprofits, including faith-based and community organizations.

Deadline: Feb. 24, 2010.

Amount: 25 grants of \$50,000 to \$200,000.

Contact: http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=41220.

Grant: Supplementary services for recently arrived refugees - For communities not sufficiently

prepared in terms of linguistic or culturally appropriate services.

Funder: U.S. Administration for Children and Families.

Eligibility: Nonprofits, including faith-based and community organizations.

Deadline: Feb. 4, 2010.

Amount: \$4.3 million for 10 to 20 grants.

Contact: http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=41228.

Recreation

*Grant: Soccer Program and Field initiatives - For soccer-related program, field and field irrigation projects. This year's priorities are to develop players, coaches and referees in economically disadvantaged urban areas and to incorporate a youth development element, such as violence prevention, into funded soccer programs. **Funder:** U.S. Soccer Foundation.

Eligibility: A soccer-specific program or field project that benefits a nonprofit purpose and meets the

established focus for the 2010 grant cycle, among other requirements.

Deadline: Oct. 30.

Amount: Individual grants may be as high as \$200,000.

Contact: http://tiny.cc/dke3a

Grant: NFL grass-roots football grants - For efforts to improve the quality, safety and accessibility of local football fields, especially those that upgrade poor or underutilized existing facilities; demonstrate active use of the fields; attract matching funds that exceed the minimum required match of 1:1; and involve local partnerships with nonprofit community partners, like YMCAs.

Funder: Local Initiatives Support Corp. and the NFL.

Eligibility: Nonprofits in NFL target markets.

Deadline: Oct. 30.

Amount: Maximum grants are \$200,000.

Contact: www.lisc.org/section/goals/healthy/youth.

Safety

Grant: Celebrating Solutions - For showcasing innovations that break the cycle of violence. (Past

winners have included youth-oriented organizations.)

Funder: Mary Byron Foundation.

Eligibility: Nonprofits and government agencies. **Deadline:** Nov. 17.

Amount: \$10,000 each, typically to four organizations.

Contact: http://marybyronproject.org/CelebratingSolutions.html.

Grant: Weed and Seed - To prevent, control and reduce violent crime, criminal drug-related activity

and gang activity using a community-based, comprehensive multi-agency approach.

Funder: U.S. Department of Justice.

Eligibility: State, local or tribal governments or nonprofit organizations in communities with persistent high levels of serious violent crime and that have not previously been an approved Weed and Seed site.

Deadline: Nov. 10.

Amount: Up to \$150,000 each.

Contact: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/funding/appl_kit.html.

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